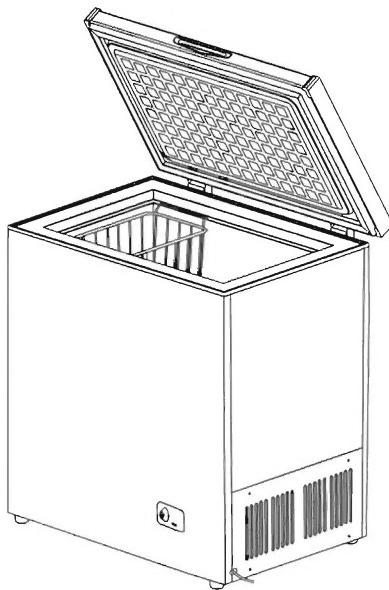


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# MANUAL



**ICE CHEST**

**VT-Ice Chest 7**

For your safety read the instructions carefully before using.

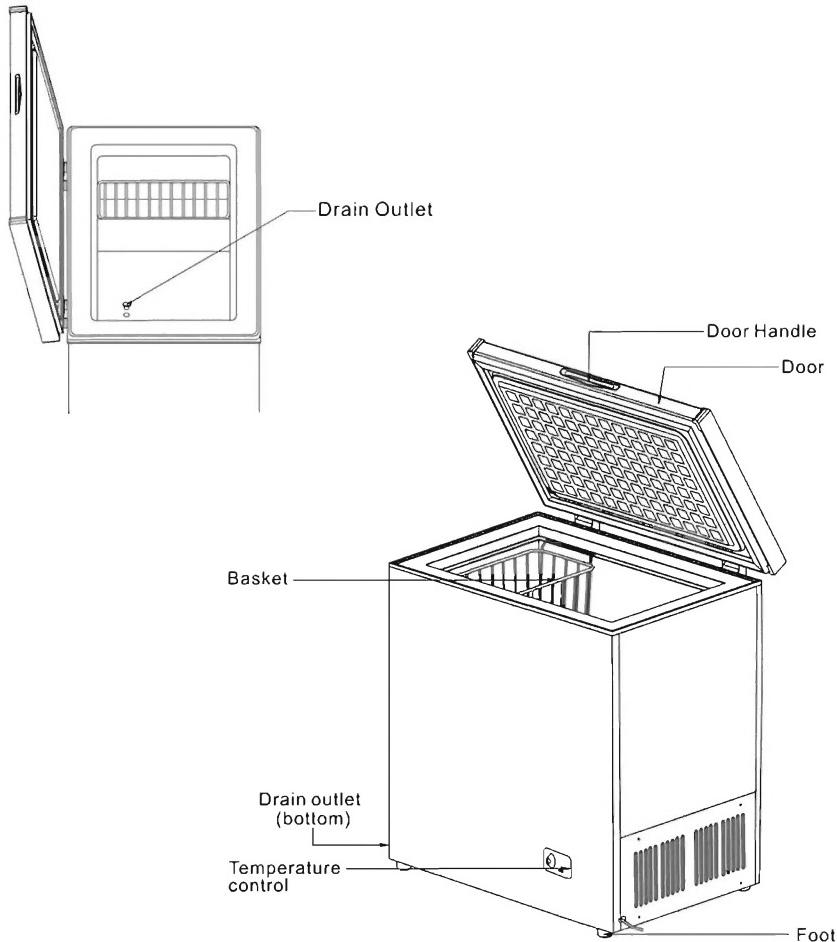
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# PARTS

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**WARNING**: Never touch the interior of the Freezer Chamber or frozen foods in the compartment with wet hands as this could result in frost bite.

# SPECIFICATIONS

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Product Description	ICE CHEST		
Model No.	VT-Ice Chest 7		
Capacity	7.2 Cu. Ft.		
Unit Dimensions ( inches )	Width	Height	Depth
	34.0"	34.0"	24.0"
Net Weight ( lbs )	83.8 ( lbs )		

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

<b>WARNING</b>	To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, or injury when using your freezer, follow these basic precautions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read all instructions before using the freezer.</li><li>• <b>DANGER or WARNING:</b> Risk of child entrapment.</li><li>• To avoid the possibility of child entrapment, please take the following precautions: Remove the freezer top and DO NOT remove the internal basket.</li><li>• <b>Before you throw away your old freezer:</b> Take off the top. Leave the basket in place so that children may not easily climb inside.</li><li>• Never allow children to operate, play with, or crawl inside the freezer.</li><li>• Never clean freezer parts with flammable fluids. The fumes can create a fire hazard or explosion.</li><li>• Do not store or use gasoline or any other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other freezer. The fumes can create a fire hazard or an explosion.</li><li>• Never open the grill unless you are a professional. -Save these instructions-</li></ul>	

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### Before Using Your Freezer

- Remove the exterior and interior packing.
- Check to be sure you have all of the following parts:
  - 1 Storage Basket
  - 1 Divider
  - 1 Instruction Manual
- Before connecting the freezer to the power source, let it stand upright for approximately 4 hours. This will reduce the possibility of a malfunction in the cooling system from improper handling during transportation.
- Clean the interior surface with lukewarm water using a soft cloth. (Cleaning instruction on page 7)

### Installing Your Freezer

- This appliance is designed to be free standing only, and should not be recessed or built-in.
- Place your freezer on a floor that is strong enough to support the freezer when it is fully loaded.
- Allow 5 inches of space between the back and sides of the freezer, which allows the proper air ventilation. Adjust the feet to keep the freezer level.
- Locate the freezer away from direct sunlight and sources of heat (stove, heater, radiator, etc.). Direct sunlight may affect the acrylic coating and heat sources may increase electrical consumption. Ambient temperature below 50°F or above 85°F will hinder the performance of this appliance. **This unit is not designed for use in a garage or any other outside installation.**
- Avoid locating the freezer in moist areas.
- Plug the freezer into dedicated, properly installed-grounded wall outlet. Do not under any circumstances cut or remove the third (ground) prong from the power cord. Any questions concerning power and/or grounding should be directed toward a certified electrician or an authorized service center. **This unit is not designed to be installed in an RV or used with an inverter.**
- After plugging the appliance into a wall outlet, turn the unit on and allow the unit to cool down for 2~3 hours under before placing food in the freezer compartment.

**WARNING**

Improper use of the grounded plug can result in the risk of electrical shock. If the power cord is damaged, have it replaced by an authorized service center.

This freezer should be properly grounded for your safety. The power cord of this freezer is equipped with a three-prong plug which mates with standard three prong wall outlets to minimize the possibility of electrical shock.

Do not, under any circumstances, cut or remove the third ground prong from the power cord supplied.

This freezer requires a standard 115 Volt A.C. ~60Hz electrical outlet with three-prong ground.

This freezer is not designed to be used with an inverter.

The cord should be secured behind the freezer and not left exposed or dangling to prevent accidental injury.

Never unplug the freezer by pulling the power cord. Always grip the plug firmly and pull straight out from the receptacle.

Do not use an extension cord with this appliance. If the power cord is too short, have a qualified electrician or service technician install an outlet near the appliance. Use of an extension cord can negatively effect the performance of the unit.

The "POWER" light (Green) indicates that the freezer is properly connected to the electrical power.

The "RUN" light (Red) will not illuminate when the unit is operating below freezing.

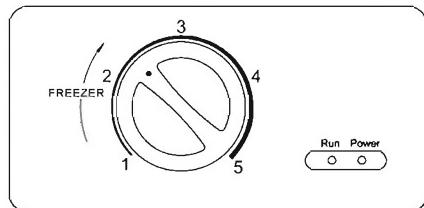
The "RUN" light will illuminate when the temperature inside the unit increases above freezing. Please be advised that the "RUN" light may come on for a period of time when the lid is opened, when new items are stored inside the unit or when the lid is forced open by irregular contents.

In case of too much loading quantity, it's normal that the "RUN" light has remained on for several hours.

## OPERATING YOUR FREEZER

### Temperature Control

- Your freezer has one control for regulating the temperature. The temperature control is located on the lower right hand corner.
- The first time you turn the unit on, adjust the temperature control knob to "3" and run for at least 2 hours before putting frozen foods inside. This will ensure the cabinet is thoroughly chilled before food is put in.
- The range of the FREEZER temperature control is from position "1" the warmest to "5" the coldest. Adjust the temperature control to the setting that best suits your needs. The setting of "3" should be appropriate for home or office freezer use.



- **NOTE:**
  - If the unit is unplugged, loses power; you must wait 3 to 5 minutes before restarting the unit. If you attempt to restart before this time delay, the freezer will not start.
  - Large amounts of food will lower the cooling efficiency of the appliance.
  - If you choose to change the thermostat setting, adjust thermostat control by one numerical increment at a time. Allow several hours for temperature to stabilize between adjustments.

#### **Defrosting Your Freezer**

- **When?** For the most efficient operation and minimum energy consumption, defrost the freezer when the frost on the freezer walls is excessive or  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick.
- Choose a time when the stock of frozen food is low.

#### **CAUTION**

Do not use boiling water because it may damage the plastic parts. In addition, never use a sharp or metallic instrument to remove frost as it may damage the cooling coils and will void the warranty.

- Remove the frozen food from the freezer and place it in a cooler to protect the food.
- Unplug the freezer. The Power Supply light should be off (green light out).
- During defrosting, the ice melts into the cabinet.
- Remove the drain plug on the inside floor of the freezer by pulling straight out.
- Place a shallow pan outside drain outlet. The defrost water will drain out.
- Check the pan occasionally so the water does not overflow.
- Clean the interior of the freezer.
- Replace the plug on the inside floor.
- Adjust the temperature control knob to "3".
- Allow the cabinet to cool for one hour.
- Return food to the freezer.

#### **HELPFUL HINT:**

Defrosting usually takes a few hours. Leaving the door open will help speed the process. Also, pouring warm water (not boiling) on the ice/frost will help speed melting.

#### **WARNING**

Scraping ice from the freezer compartment can damage the unit.

#### **The Freezer Compartment**

- This compartment is designed for the long-term storage of frozen food. Storage time period is up to three months.
- The storage life of frozen foods varies and the recommended storage time should not be exceeded. The instructions regarding the care of frozen foods should be followed when defrosting the freezer.
- Pre-packed commercially frozen food should be stored in accordance with the frozen foods manufacturers' instructions for a three star frozen food storage compartment or home freezer.
- Place frozen food into the freezer as quickly as possible after purchase. If there are instructions on the packet, carefully follow these instructions regarding storage times.
- The freezer lid is susceptible to breaking due to excessive ice build up. Be sure to defrost when the ice reaches  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick.
- A storage basket is provided for the organization of odd-shaped items. To reach other packages in the freezer, just slide the basket to one side, or lift it out.

# CARE AND MAINTENANCE

## Cleaning Your Freezer

- Upon installation of your new appliance, it is recommended that it be cleaned thoroughly.
- Unplug the freezer, remove the food and storage basket.
- Wash the inside with a damp warm cloth soaked in lukewarm water and baking soda solution. The solution should be about 2 tablespoons of baking soda to a quart of water.
- Wash the storage basket with a mild detergent solution.
- Be sure to keep the door gasket (seal) clean to keep the unit running efficiently.
- The outside of the freezer should be cleaned with mild detergent and warm water.
- Dry the interior and exterior with a soft cloth.
- The condenser coils should be vacuumed when they are dusty or dirty.
- It is recommended that the unit be cleaned each time it is defrosted to help keep the unit odor free and running efficiently.

## Vacation Time

- Remove all the food.
- Unplug the freezer.
- Clean the freezer.
- Leave the lid open slightly to avoid possible formation of condensation, mold, or odors.
- Use extreme caution in the case of children. The unit should not be accessible to child's play.
- **Short vacations:** Leave the freezer operating during vacations of less than three weeks.
- **Long vacations:** If the appliance will not be used for several months, remove all food and unplug the power cord. Clean and dry the interior thoroughly. To prevent odor and mold growth, leave the door open slightly: blocking it open if necessary or have the door removed.

## Moving Your Freezer

- Unplug the freezer.
- Remove all the food.
- Securely tape down all loose items inside your freezer.
- Remove the rollers to prevent damage.
- Tape the doors shut.
- Be sure the freezer stays in the upright position during transportation.

## Energy Saving Tips

- The freezer should be located in the coolest area of the room, away from heat producing appliances or heating ducts, and out of the direct sunlight.
- Let hot foods cool to room temperature before placing in the freezer. Overloading the freezer forces the compressor to run longer. Foods that freeze too slowly may lose quality, or spoil.
- Be sure to wrap foods properly, and wipe containers dry before placing them in the freezer. This cuts down on frost build-up inside the freezer.
- Freezer storage bin should not be lined with aluminum foil, wax paper, or paper toweling. Liners interfere with cold air circulation, making the freezer less efficient.
- Organize and label food to reduce door openings and extended searches. Remove as many items as needed at one time, and close the door as soon as possible.

# TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

You can solve many common freezer problems easily, saving you the cost of a possible service call. Try the suggestions below to see if you can solve the problem before calling for service.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE
Freezer does not operate.	Not plugged in. The circuit breaker tripped or a blown fuse.
Compressor turns on and off frequently.	The room temperature is hotter than normal. A large amount of food has been added to the freezer. The door is opened too often. The door is not closed completely. The temperature control is not set correctly. The door gasket does not seal properly. The freezer does not have the correct clearance. The freezer has recently been disconnected for a period of time. 4 hours is required for the freezer to cool down completely.
Temperature inside the freezer is too warm.	Temperature control is set too warm. Turn the control to a cooler setting and allow several hours for the temperature to stabilize. Door is kept open too long or is opened too frequently. Warm air enters the freezer every time the door is opened. Open the door less often. The door is not closed completely. The door gasket does not seal properly. A large amount of warm or hot food might have been stored recently. Wait until the freezer has had a chance to reach its selected temperature. The freezer has recently been disconnected for a period of time. 4 hours are required for the freezer to cool down completely.
Temperature inside the freezer is too cold.	Temperature control is set too cold. Turn the control to a warmer setting and allow several hours for the temperature to stabilize.
Temperature of external freezer surface is warm.	The exterior freezer walls can be as much as 30°F warmer than room temperature. This is normal while the compressor works to transfer heat from inside the freezer cabinet.
Popping or cracking sound when compressor comes on.	Metal parts undergo expansion and contraction, as in hot water pipes. This is normal. Sound will level off or disappear as freezer continues to run.
Bubbling or gurgling sound, like water boiling.	Refrigerant (used to cool freezer) is circulating throughout the system. This is normal.
Vibrations.	Check to assure that the freezer is on a level surface. Floor is uneven or weak. Freezer rocks when moved slightly. Be sure floor can adequately support freezer. Level the freezer by putting wood or metal shims under part of the freezer. The freezer is touching the wall. Re-level the

	freezer and move it from the wall. See "Installation Instructions".
Moisture forms on inside freezer walls.	Weather is hot and humid, which increases internal rate of frost build-up. This is normal. Door is slightly open. Door is kept open too long, or is opened too frequently. Open the door less often. The door is not sealed properly.
Moisture forms on outside of freezer.	Door is slightly open, causing cold air from inside the freezer to meet warm moist air from outside.
The door will not close properly.	The freezer is not on a level surface. The gasket is dirty. The storage basket is out of position.

## LIMITED WARRANTY:

Vinotemp International ("Seller") and the person or entity that acquires these goods from Seller ("Purchaser") hereby fully agree to the following terms and conditions of the sale: Shipping fees are the responsibility of the Purchaser whether freight prepaid or freight collect. Seller assumes no responsibility for the goods sold to the Purchaser once the goods have left the Seller's premises, including, but not limited to, late delivery by the moving carrier, or for events caused by any difficulty carrier incurs in attempting to fit the goods into the Purchaser's place of business or residence due to the size of the goods or otherwise. Purchaser assumes all responsibility for delivery, payment of freight, access, measurement, installation, hook-up, wiring, moving and storage of the goods. The transportation of all goods is subject to the terms and conditions which the moving carrier imposes on Purchaser including, but not limited to, additional charges imposed per flight of stairs, and/or additional charges resulting from the carrier's inability to safely and/or adequately use the building elevator to lift the goods to an upper floor. Any claim for damages incurred during shipment by the carrier of the goods are insured and handled directly with the carrier. Any damages due to manufacture defects will be handled directly with Vinotemp International, subject to the limited warranty.

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If Purchaser tenders payment with a check that has insufficient funds (NSF), or stops payment on a check or credit card for any reason, Purchaser agrees to pay for all costs associated with the Seller's connection or litigation of such a claim, including without limitation extra damages, court costs and attorneys' fees. Finance charges begin the date of invoice. Collection fees plus NSF fee of 50\$ will be added to your invoice, which you agree to promptly pay. Title to the goods does not pass until payment is received in full by Seller and Seller retains a security interest in the goods until they are paid for in full.

**LIMITED WARRANTY:** Seller warrants that the goods will be free of defects in materials and workmanship as follows: Furniture style (wood) wine units: all cooling unit parts for a period of 5 (five) years; cabinetry and labor (uninstalled) for a period of 12 (twelve) months from date of sale, removal and re-installation of unit is not included in warranted labor. For the metal cabinet wine, beverage,

refrigerator and freezer units: parts and labor for cooling system and cabinetry for a period of 12 (twelve) months from date of sale, removal and re-installation of unit is not included in warranted labor. For a scratch and dent or refurbished unit, warranty is 3 months from your dated invoice (parts for function only, not cosmetic). Thermoelectric Units: 90 (ninety) days from the date of sale. (This includes Wine Coolers, Beer Dispensers and Refrigerators). Cigar Humidors and Racking Systems are not warranted. Split Systems and installed products are parts only for 1 year, no labor. There is no warranty on parts purchased separately. Purchaser's exclusive remedy is limited, at Seller's option; to repair or replace defective part[s] with either new or factory reconditioned part[s]. Purchaser is responsible for shipping the unit pre-paid to designated facility and Seller will pay return shipping charges in the continental United States for items repaired under warranty within 12 (twelve) months from date of sale. Since the natural variation in texture, density, grain, color, tone and shade of wood is unavoidable; Seller does not guarantee the texture, color, tone or shade of the wood: nor does seller guarantee the colorfastness of wood or against peeling, chipping, cracking or scratching. Note: Unfinished wood is subject to warping; all wood surfaces must be sealed before placing cellar into service. Improper placement of the unit will void the warranty. This limited warranty does not cover damage due to such things as accident, misuse, abuse, mishandling, neglect, acts of God, fires, earthquakes, floods, high winds, government, war, riot or labor trouble, strikes, lockouts, delay of carrier, unauthorized repair, or any other cause beyond the control of the Seller, whether similar or dissimilar to the foregoing. Seller is not responsible for any damages caused to Seller's property resulting from the good. This limited warranty applies only inside the Continental US. (Alaska, Puerto Rico and Hawaii are not warranted).

With Wine Mate products, if the customer calls and the product is "defective", you must obtain a letter from your qualified refrigeration technician at the customers cost, to verify that the unit was installed properly, with proper ventilation and the unit is truly malfunctioning due to manufacture defect

Purchaser understands and acknowledges that the goods sold here are wine cellars, cigar humidors, and/or other similar units which house wine or cigars. Purchaser assumes all risk of using these units, including risk of spoilage, humidity variations, temperature variations, leaks, fire, water damage, mold, mildew, dryness and similar and any other perils that might occur

Seller is not responsible for incidental or consequential damages, and there are no warranties, expressed or implied, which extend beyond the Limited Warranty described above. The implied warranties of merchantability and of fitness for a particular purpose are hereby expressly disclaimed. Some states do not allow the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, or a waiver of the implied warranties of fitness and/or merchantability, so the above limitations may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

In the event of any dispute between Seller and Purchaser arising out of or relating to these terms and conditions or to the goods sold generally, Purchaser must first file a written claim with Seller within ten days of the occurrence giving rise to the claim and wait an additional thirty days for a response before initiating any legal action. The sale and all terms are subject to California law. Any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to these terms and conditions or to the goods sold generally shall be brought solely and exclusively in the County of Los Angeles. In no event may Purchaser initiate any legal proceeding more than six months after the occurrence of the event giving rise to the dispute.

The above terms and conditions are the only ones governing this transaction and Seller makes no oral representations of any kind. These Terms and Conditions can only be modified in writing, signed by both Purchaser and Seller. 04/07



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